

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

**DAvid Fred Minier 184694**

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

m-Stephens	min Room
mrs Cope	ARU S
B-morrison	WARDEN
T-Chrisman	AOW
R-Ault	ASS DW
S-Cline	Rlm
J-Rohrig	Grievance coord
Richard R Russell	Legal Affairs

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names. Do not include addresses here.)

Case: 2:21-cv-12057  
 Judge: Parker, Linda V.  
 MJ: Patti, Anthony P.  
 Filed: 08-26-2021 At 10:13 AM  
 PRIS DAVID MINIER V STEPHENS ET AL (SS)

Jury Trial:  Yes  No  
 (check one)

**Complaint for Violation of Civil Rights  
(Prisoner Complaint)**

**NOTICE**

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 5.2 addresses the privacy and security concerns resulting from public access to electronic court files. Under this rule, papers filed with the court should *not* contain: an individual's full social security number or full birth date; the full name of a person known to be a minor; or a complete financial account number. A filing may include *only*: the last four digits of a social security number; the year of an individual's birth; a minor's initials; and the last four digits of a financial account number.

**Except as noted in this form, plaintiff need not send exhibits, affidavits, grievance or witness statements, or any other materials to the Clerk's Office with this complaint.**

**In order for your complaint to be filed, it must be accompanied by the filing fee or an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.**

**I. The Parties to This Complaint****A. The Plaintiff(s)**

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name

David Fred Minier

All other names by which you have been known:

ID Number

#184698

Current Institution

LAKELAND Correctional FAC

Address

141 COLDWATERmi: 49036**B. The Defendant(s)**

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. Make sure that the defendant(s) listed below are identical to those contained in the above caption. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known) and check whether you are bringing this complaint against them in their individual capacity or official capacity, or both. Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant No. 1

Name

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Job or Title

AS Resident unit supervisor

(if known)

Shield Number

Employer

Mich Dept Corrections

Address

141 First STCOLDWATER MI 49036 Individual capacity Official capacitySee Att

\* Attachment

Title

m-Stephens - GOA <sup>MAIL</sup> Room

— P-C Cope - ARUS

— B-Morrison - Warden

— T-Chrisman - A-D-W

— R-Ault - ASS-D-W

— S-Cline - RUM

— T-Rohrig - Grievance coord

I need the first names of these people  
for Court filing please.

also I need a 6 month print out  
of my account please.

David Minis  
184648

You can file your  
court documents c1-81  
with the last name  
and titles.

## Defendant No. 2

Name B-morrison  
 Job or Title (if known) WARDEN  
 Shield Number  
 Employer  mich Dept Corrections  
 Address 141 FIRST ST  
COLDWATER mi 49036

Individual capacity  Official capacity

## Defendant No. 3

Name T-Chrisman  
 Job or Title (if known) AOW  
 Shield Number  
 Employer  mich Dept Corrections  
 Address 141 FIRST ST  
COLDWATER mi 49036

Individual capacity  Official capacity

## Defendant No. 4

Name R-AULT  
 Job or Title (if known) ASSISTANT Deputy WARDEN  
 Shield Number  
 Employer  mich Dept Correction  
 Address 141 FIRST ST  
COLDWATER mi 49036

Individual capacity  Official capacity

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next page

Defendant No. 15

Name

Job or Title  
(if known)

Shield Number

Employer

Address

S-ClineResident Unit ManagerMich Dept Corrections  
141 First St  
Coldwater MI 49036 Individual capacity Official capacity

Defendant No. 16

Name

Job or Title  
(if known)

Shield Number

Employer

Address

J-RohrigGrievance CoordinatorMich Dept of Corrections  
141 First St  
Coldwater MI 49036 Individual capacity Official capacity

Defendant No. 17

Name

Job or Title  
(if known)

Shield Number

Employer

Address

Richard D RussellManager Grievance Sec  
Office of Legal AffairsMich Dept Corrections  
Po Box 3003  
Lansing MI 48909 Individual capacity Official capacity

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## Defendant No. 8

Name

M StephensJob or Title  
(if known)GO A mail room

Shield Number

Employer

Mich Dept Corrections

Address

141 First StCOLDWATER MI 49036 Individual capacity Official capacity

## Defendant No. 9

Name

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Job or Title  
(if known)

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Shield Number

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Employer

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Address

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 Individual capacity Official capacity

## Defendant No. 410

Name

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Job or Title  
(if known)

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Shield Number

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Employer

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Address

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 Individual capacity Official capacity

## II. Basis for Jurisdiction

Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, you may sue state or local officials for the “deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws].” Under *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), you may sue federal officials for the violation of certain constitutional rights.

A. Are you bringing suit against (*check all that apply*):

- Federal officials (a *Bivens* claim)  
 State or local officials (a § 1983 claim)

B. Section 1983 allows claims alleging the “deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws].” 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, what federal constitutional or statutory right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by state or local officials?

Right To Due Process / unfair treatment  
Failure to Follow policy.  
Abus of Power

C. Plaintiffs suing under *Bivens* may only recover for the violation of certain constitutional rights. If you are suing under *Bivens*, what constitutional right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by federal officials?

- D. Section 1983 allows defendants to be found liable only when they have acted "under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia." 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, explain how each defendant acted under color of state or local law. If you are suing under *Bivens*, explain how each defendant acted under color of federal law. Attach additional pages if needed.

*Failed to follow policy procedures in  
Accordance with Mich Dept policy's  
mich Dept corr policy and procedures (mDOC)  
mail Rejection policy*

### III. Prisoner Status

Indicate whether you are a prisoner or other confined person as follows (*check all that apply*):

- Pretrial detainee
- Civilly committed detainee
- Immigration detainee
- Convicted and sentenced state prisoner
- Convicted and sentenced federal prisoner
- Other (*explain*) \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Statement of Claim

State as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant was personally involved in the alleged wrongful action, along with the dates and locations of all relevant events. You may wish to include further details such as the names of other persons involved in the events giving rise to your claims. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

- A. If the events giving rise to your claim arose outside an institution, describe where and when they arose.

- B. If the events giving rise to your claim arose in an institution, describe where and when they arose.

COLDWATER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 3/16/21

mt'l Room notice of mail Rejection,

3/9/21

3/12/21

5/5/21

- C. What date and approximate time did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur?

3/16/21

3/12/21

3/9/21

5/5/21

- D. What are the facts underlying your claim(s)? (For example: *What happened to you? Who did what? Was anyone else involved? Who else saw what happened?*)

the Staff at Michigan Department  
of Corrections - Coldwater Facility  
Sakelund Correctional - 141 First St  
Coldwater mich 49036, Failed to  
Follow and adhere to policy and  
Procedure. Mail Rejection policy was  
not followed at any step / except mail room.

**V. Injuries**

If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe your injuries and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and did or did not receive.

Nb

**VI. Relief**

State briefly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If requesting money damages, include the amounts of any actual damages and/or punitive damages claimed for the acts alleged. Explain the basis for these claims.

(Justice)

the Michigan Department of Corrections  
must Be made to Follow their  
Policies and procedures.

~~Reimbursement~~

Reimbursement of filing fees

**VII. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies Administrative Procedures**

The Prison Litigation Reform Act (“PLRA”), 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), requires that “[n]o action shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted.”

Administrative remedies are also known as grievance procedures. Your case may be dismissed if you have not exhausted your administrative remedies.

- A. Did your claim(s) arise while you were confined in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

Yes  
 No

If yes, name the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where you were confined at the time of the events giving rise to your claim(s).

- B. Does the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose have a grievance procedure?

Yes  
 No  
 Do not know

- C. Does the grievance procedure at the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose cover some or all of your claims?

Yes  
 No  
 Do not know

If yes, which claim(s)?

miss use of mich Dept of Corrections  
Policy and procedures.  
(mail rejection) Abuse of Power.  
UNDO Right To Due process

D. Did you file a grievance in the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose concerning the facts relating to this complaint?

- Yes  
 No

If no, did you file a grievance about the events described in this complaint at any other jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

- Yes  
 No

E. If you did file a grievance:

1. Where did you file the grievance?

Lakeland Correctional Facility  
Coldwater mi

2. What did you claim in your grievance?

Mail Rejection policy was not Adhered  
To. Violation Due process

3. What was the result, if any?

Step I II III were Rubber stamped  
with Responses that violated policy  
Procedure.

4. What steps, if any, did you take to appeal that decision? Is the grievance process completed? If not, explain why not. (*Describe all efforts to appeal to the highest level of the grievance process.*)

Grievance steps completed on All But  
Two. Two Completed - Two still pending

F. If you did not file a grievance:

1. If there are any reasons why you did not file a grievance, state them here:

2. If you did not file a grievance but you did inform officials of your claim, state who you informed, when and how, and their response, if any:

G. Please set forth any additional information that is relevant to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.

(*Note: You may attach as exhibits to this complaint any documents related to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.*)

### VIII. Previous Lawsuits

The “three strikes rule” bars a prisoner from bringing a civil action or an appeal in federal court without paying the filing fee if that prisoner has “on three or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

To the best of your knowledge, have you had a case dismissed based on this “three strikes rule”?

Yes



No

If so, state which court dismissed your case, when this occurred, and attach a copy of the order if possible.

A. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action?

Yes



No

B. If your answer to A is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (*If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.*)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Court (*if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State*)  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Docket or index number  
\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Name of Judge assigned to your case

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5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit

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6. Is the case still pending?

Yes

No

If no, give the approximate date of disposition. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)

C. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court otherwise relating to the conditions of your imprisonment?

Yes

No

D. If your answer to C is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State)

3. Docket or index number

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case

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5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit

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6. Is the case still pending?

Yes

No

If no, give the approximate date of disposition. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)  
\_\_\_\_\_

## IX. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

### A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: 8-23-, 2021.

Signature of Plaintiff

Printed Name of Plaintiff

DAVID FRED MINIER

Prison Identification #

184698

Prison Address

141 FIRST ST

COLDWATER

City

MI

State

49036

Zip Code

**Additional Information:**

witness

Johnson Kurt Jonathan 477848

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OF THE RETURN ADDRESS FOLD AT DOTTED LINE

**CERTIFIED MAIL**



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141 First St  
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49036

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